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Senate Democrats Vote to Protect Police Officers' Retirement Funds, Support Parole Board

Senate Bill 951 extends Police and Fire PERS benefits to certain Parole Board positions to ensure certified Parole and Probations Officers serving on the board do not lose access to their retirement

SALEM, Ore - Yesterday, Senate Democrats voted to protect police officers working in certain positions for the Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision from losing access to their Police and Fire PERS benefits. [Senate Bill 951](#) will also help the Parole Board recruit and retain qualified staff so they can promote rehabilitation and prevent recidivism, keeping Oregon communities safe.

Currently, [the Parole Board is reporting](#) challenges in recruiting and retaining qualified staff at the highest levels of the agency because of a loophole that excludes certain Parole Board positions from accessing Police and Fire PERS.

"This is a common sense step that will better support our law enforcement officers, improve our criminal justice system, and keep Oregon communities safe," **said Senator Floyd Prozanski (D - Springfield & Eugene), chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee.** "I'm glad Senate Democrats united in support of this important legislation."

SB 951 will now head to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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